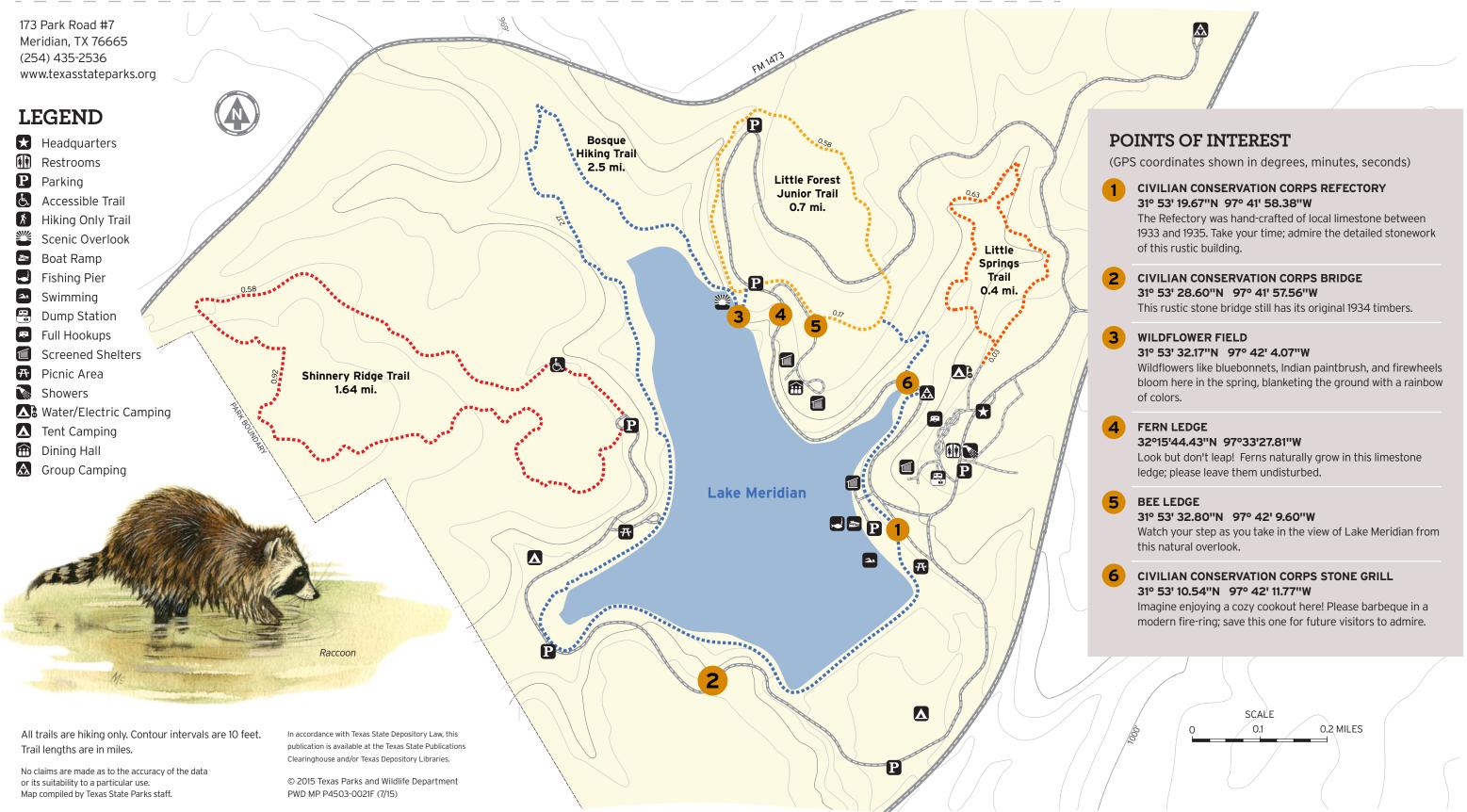


Meridian State Park Trails Map



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Explore a hidden oasis developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Discover the rich history and natural beauty of this guiet oasis, where Prairie and Hill Country meet. Explore the park from over 5 miles of hiking trails. Choose from a scenic loop around the lake, or shorter, rugged trails through wildlife habitat.

STAYING SAFE

KNOW YOUR LIMITS. Prepare for sun and heat. Wear sunscreen, insect repellent and appropriate clothing/hiking shoes.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER. Your body guickly loses fluids when you're on the trail. Bring a quart of water per hour of activity.

TELL OTHERS WHERE YOU'LL BE. If possible, avoid exploring alone. Tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return.

WEAR A HELMET. When biking, check with park HQ to match the ride to your skill level. Wear a helmet to protect yourself in case of a crash.

WEAR A LIFE JACKET. The law requires that all children under age 13 wear one with adult supervision while boating.

POTENTIALLY HARMFUL PLANTS AND ANIMALS LIVE HERE. Staying on the trail paths makes them easier to see.

FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 9-1-1.



TRAIL	DIST	DIFFICULTY	DESCRIPTION
BOSQUE HIKING TRAIL	2.5 mi.	Challenging	Hike the perimeter of Lake Meridian on this arduous trail. See the Civilian Conservation Corps dam up close and take a break at scenic Bee Ledge lookout point.
SHINNERY RIDGE TRAIL	1.64 mi.	Moderate	Enjoy this family-friendly loop trail. In the summer, look for golden-cheeked warblers. Part of the trail is paved and accessible.
LITTLE FOREST JUNIOR TRAIL	0.7 mi.	Easy	Explore this short, rocky trail at your own pace. In springtime, pause where this trail crosses the park road and enjoy blooming wildflowers like bluebonnets, Indian paintbrush, and firewheels.
LITTLE SPRINGS TRAIL	0.4 mi.	Moderate	Watch for wildlife as you hike this short but rugged trail.

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Trash your trash. Keep the park natural. Pack out all of your trash and Leave No Trace.

Leave feeding to nature. Feeding wild animals will make them sick and more likely to cause harm to people.

Take only memories and pictures. Please don't disturb or remove any of the park's plants, animals or artifacts.

Keep pets on leashes to keep them safe while protecting wildlife.

Campfires are permitted only in designated rings and not in the primitive camping area due to potential for ground scarring and wildfires.